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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.

4395th meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.

closed meeting

Consultation Room

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. 14th meeting Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: item 64 (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); item 65 (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); item 66 (A/56/29 (Supp. 1); A/C.1/56/L.22); item 67 (A/C.1/56/L.9); item 68 (A/C.1/56/L.41); item 69 (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); item 70 (A/C.1/56/L.13); item 71 (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); item 72 (A/C.1/56/L.26); item 73 (A/C.1/56/L.7); item 74 (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51); item 75 (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); item 76 (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); item 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); item 78 (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43); item 79 (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); item 80 (A/C.1/56/L.17); item 81 (A/C.1/56/L.11); item 82 (A/C.1/56/L.10); item 84 (A/C.1/56/L.23); [A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, A/C.1/56/4 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

a.m. - Trusteeship
1 p.m. 20th meeting Council Chamber

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]
(A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852,
A/56/453, A/56/488)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - Trusteeship
6 p.m. 21st meeting Council Chamber

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8/Rev.1, L.10/Rev.1 and L.12/Rev.1

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6 and statement of programme budget implications as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.19

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.4, L.5 and L.16

4. International drug control [111]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/5/Add.5) and Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/56/66 and Add.1, A/56/132 and A/56/436) and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Development account (A/55/913 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part I Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (A/56/6 (Sections 1-2), and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
Afternoon* - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNAMSIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
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Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications E/2001/L.47/Rev.1)

Change of date for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council 2002

Afternoon* -
6 p.m.

45th meeting

Economic and Social
Council Chamber1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
[1]

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications contained in E/2001/L.47/Rev.1

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.48

Change of date for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council, 2002

2. Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.50

3. Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.49

(d) Human settlements (A/56/8)

Action on draft resolution 18/1 contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held today, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE (at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on Beijing+5)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP (First Committee)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Second Committee*) today, 24 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a closed meeting of the Least Developed Countries today, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament today, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee today, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Meeting the Millennium Development Goals: Implementing Goal 3 on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women" today, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Presenters will be Karen Mason, Director of the World Bank's Gender and Development Group, Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and Noeleen Heyzer, Director of the UN Fund for Women (UNIFEM). All interested delegations are invited to attend. For information, call (212) 986-8306.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS*Thursday, 25 October 2001***GENERAL ASSEMBLY***Fifty-sixth session***Committees****SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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3 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
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Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:**WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996**

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS**

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 7th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia will take place on Thursday, 25 October 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Fifty-sixth session***Committees****SECOND COMMITTEE***Panel Discussion*

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity Building and Poverty Eradication-Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

The 209th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax: (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund**EXECUTIVE BOARD***Pre-session briefing*

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group
from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 25
October 2001, Thursday, 1 November, and Thursday, 8 No-
vember.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the
Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Cham-
ber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the Second
World Assembly on Ageing*) on Thursday, 25 October 2001,
from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the
Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Friday, 26 October
2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Terrorism and Disarma-
ment", sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs,
on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the
Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The symposium, will
be opened by the Under Secretary-General for Disarmament
Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and
representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited
to attend. For further information, please contact the Depart-
ment (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; t: (212) 963-2389/3980).

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research
(UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Na-
tions Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: De-
posit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registra-
tion of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and
Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters
in New York. A letter on this subject, including an informa-
tion note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the
permanent missions. For further information, please contact
Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research
(UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the
structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions
for members of permanent missions in New York. The work-
shop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 Novem-
ber 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7
November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and
a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent mis-
sions. The registration deadline is *today*, 24 October. For fur-
ther information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room
DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research
(UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs
(SIPA) at Columbia University are jointly conducting a Co-
lumbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in
peacebuilding. This workshop, to be conducted in English,
will be held on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 November 2001
from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note,
draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all
the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thurs-
day, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms.
Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

13th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Belarus, China, Oman, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Cuba, Jordan, and Finland (also on behalf of Sweden).

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.35.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.24.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.25.

The representative of India introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.12 and A/C.1/56/L.14.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.1.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.26.

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.36.

The representative of Uzbekistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.48.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.45.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of members of New Agenda) introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.15.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.49.

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States have become co-sponsors to the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.1, Haiti; A/C.1/56/L.7, Benin; A/C.1/56/L.10, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.12, Nepal; A/C.1/56/L.13, Nepal, Benin and Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.24, Benin; A/C.1/56/L.30, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.32, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.34, Uruguay and Benin; A/C.1/56/L.37, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.39, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.40, Uruguay, Benin and Georgia; A/C.1/56/L.41, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.43, Uruguay and Brazil; A/C.1/56/L.45, Benin, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Bolivia, Congo, Costa Rica, Philippines, Samoa, Guyana, Sudan and Tonga; A/C.1/56/L.47, Uruguay and Benin; and A/C.1/56/L.50, India.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86]

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Slovakia, the United States, Japan, India, Malaysia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Cuba, Ukraine, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic, Burkina Faso and Nigeria.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

19th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1**

The representative of Portugal, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Slovenia, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Georgia, Madagascar, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.16

The representative of the Sudan introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, the draft resolution and orally corrected the text.

Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

The representative of Mexico introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine, the draft resolution. Benin, Bhutan, Chad, the Gambia, Kenya, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nigeria, the Sudan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. Statements were made by Cyprus, Ecuador, Cuba, Egypt, Algeria, Peru, Uganda, Sudan, Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of ECOWAS), New Zealand and Colombia.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/436).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Controller and Director of the Division of Resources Management of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees replied to questions raised.

The Director of External Audit and Chairperson of the Audit Operations Committee of the Philippines made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ayman M. Elgammal (Egypt).

Pattern of conferences [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Abdelmalek Bouheddou (Algeria), introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300).

The Director of the Information Technology Services Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/120/Rev.1).

The representative of the publications Service of the Department of Public Information introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/339).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/475).

Statements in the general discussion of the item were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya, Argentina, China, Belarus and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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**International Covenant on Civil
and Political Rights**

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2001

1968th and 1969th (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant
[7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing
of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

Signature: Guatemala (23 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the

Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4394th (resumed) meeting

Security Council Chamber

General issues relating to sanctions

3.30 p.m.

4397th (closed) meeting

Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (see p. 5).

The 31st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

**SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA**

10.30 a.m.

7th meeting*
(closed)

Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

**SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM**

3.30 p.m.

7th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION
COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86] (A/56/20 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/394, A/C.4/56/L.6)

Conclusion of general debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 14th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/56/174, A/56/70-E/2001/58, A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1, A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2, A/56/320 and Add.1)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.

15th meeting

Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [99]

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(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon*-
6 p.m.

informal consultations
(closed)

Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution (A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103))

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [124] (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*- informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Common services at Geneva (Part II) (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417/Rev.1))

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 2

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subject

UNAMSIL

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 113*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 25 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE (at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP: EXPERTS ON THE FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on Beijing+5)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 (briefing by the Chairman of the Global Environment Facility)

11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77

(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

There will be a closed meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 25 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Terrorism and Disarmament", sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, *today*, 25 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The symposium, will be opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-2389/3980).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

10 a.m. 31st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 16th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 17th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 3

Morning* informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Afternoon* informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication - Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D, and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 209th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax: (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (on agenda sub-items 98 (b), (c) and (e)) (Environment and sustainable development) on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)) on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001.

There will be meetings of the Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level) on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security: Improving Women's Protection and Supporting Their Role in Peace-building", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) on Friday 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Participants will include Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; as well as representatives of UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Ms. Heike Alefsen (tel.: (212) 906-5585).

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4395th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Amos Namanga Ngongi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council then heard a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Mali, Mauritius, the United States, China, Jamaica, Colombia, Norway, Ukraine, Singapore, the Russian Federation and Bangladesh, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Ireland.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and Central and Eastern European associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, EFTA country member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Namibia, Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement.

Mr. Ngongi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4396th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/29).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

14th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Uruguay, China, Norway and Belgium.

The representative of Nicaragua introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34.

The representative of Sri Lanka introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.7.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.32.

The representative of India introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.8.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become cosponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; A/C.1/56/L.15, Sweden, Egypt and New Zealand; A/C.1/56/L.24, Guinea, Eritrea, Namibia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.26, Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.34, Namibia, Lithuania, Ghana and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.37, Austria; A/C.1/56/L.39, Eritrea; A/C.1/56/L.45, Guatemala; A/C.1/56/L.47, Austria, Burundi, Cambodia, Croatia, Cyprus, Eritrea, Estonia, Ghana, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Namibia, Nigeria, Portugal, Republic of Moldova and Zambia; and A/C.1/56/L.50, Uzbekistan and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

THIRD COMMITTEE

20th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mongolia, San Marino, Thailand, Japan, Iceland, Romania, Venezuela, Iraq, Costa Rica and Angola.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

21st meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia orally corrected the text and announced that Guinea, Myanmar and the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Mali, the Niger and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia orally corrected the text and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and that the Sudan should have been included as an original sponsor of the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Fiji, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Mauritania, the Niger, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1**

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the revised draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Portugal announced that Brazil, Cuba, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Fiji and Mozambique had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

Subsequently, Armenia, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Israel, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Nepal, the Niger, Nigeria, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.4

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.5

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.5.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.16

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

International drug control [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Antigua and Barbuda and Cambodia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Belize, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Brunei Darussalam, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Nepal, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Sri Lanka, Qatar, Nigeria, Canada, Belarus, Israel, Brazil and Sierra Leone.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

45th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications contained in E/2001/L.47/Rev.1

The President drew the attention of the Council to programme budget implications of draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 contained in document E/2001/L.47/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Council orally amended the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Council adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The President of the Council made a statement.

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.48

The Council adopted the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin, the Russian Federation and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Action on draft decision E/2001/L.50

The Secretary of the Council orally corrected the draft decision.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) also orally corrected the draft decision.

The Council adopted the draft decision, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and Nigeria.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7 (a).

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.49

The representative of the United States orally amended the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Council read out a correction to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the United States and Maldives.

The Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended and corrected.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

(d) Human settlements (A/56/8)

Action on draft resolution 18/1 contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements

The Council adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (d).

Organizational matters

The President of the Council made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2001

1970th and 1971st (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

The Committee began its consideration of concluding observations on Ukraine.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

*Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)**

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

*Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)**

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

*Accession: Congo (19 October 2001)**

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

*Acceptance: Bahamas (23 October 2001)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

*Accession: Mali (24 October 2001)**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

*Ratification: Liechtenstein (24 October 2001)**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

*Ratification: Holy See (24 October 2001)**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

*Ratification: Holy See (24 October 2001)**

**TREATY EVENT _ MULTILATERAL TREATIES
ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)**

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Food Day: Issues of Food Security". H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; and Ms. Florence Chenoweth, Director, Liaison Office, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will be among the speakers. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today*, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 25 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.15 p.m.

Economic and Social
Council Chamber

Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-
1 p.m.

1469th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 9

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.

4th meeting

Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

10 a.m.

31st PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-

1 p.m.

15th meeting

Conference
Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1), A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item 77* (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/4 and A/C.1/56/INF.1 and Add.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. -

12 noon

Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Panel discussion on Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication - Lessons from Evaluations*

12 noon -

1 p.m.

16th meeting

Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Operational activities for development [99]

- (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/56/174, A/56/70-E/2001/58, A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1, A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2, A/56/320 and Add.1)

- (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/56/39, Supplement No. 39, A/56/134 and Add.1, A/56/465)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

* See p. 4.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]
(A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [124] (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- informal consultations Conference Room 5
1 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - informal consultations Conference Room 5
6 p.m. (closed)

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part I (A/56/6 (Sections 1 and 2: Conclusion)); and Part II: Political affairs (A/56/6 (Sections 3-6) and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 2

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr.1

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.7

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

(A/C.6/56/WG.1/CRP.5 and Add.1-5; A/C.6/56/WG.1/CRP.9)

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 209th meeting Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNAMSIL
2. Executive session on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
3. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Committees**SECOND COMMITTEE***Panel discussion*

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity-building and Poverty Eradication - Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 26 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE (at the expert level)

9 a.m. -
10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and sustainable development))

10 a.m. -
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on Beijing+5 and INSTRAW)

10 a.m. -
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. -
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. -
2.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 (on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships))

3 p.m. -
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be meeting of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific" (A/C.1/56/L.50), organized by the delegation of Nepal, *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security: Improving Women's Protection and Supporting Their Role in Peace-building", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), *today*, 26 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Participants will include Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; as well as representatives of WFP and UNHCR. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For additional information, please call Ms. Heike Alefsen (tel.: (212) 906-5585).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 29 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 3

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 11th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian
and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations,
including special economic assistance)*

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion "Regional Perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development", organized by the secretariat of the World Summit, on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Nitin Desai, Secretary-General of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, will serve as a moderator. Presentations will be made by the following Chairmen or representatives of the World Summit regional round tables: Prof. Adebayo Adedeji (Africa); Dr. Asylbek Aidaraliev (Central and South Asia); Sir Alister McIntyre (Latin America and the Caribbean); Dr. Lawrence Papay (Europe/North America); Prof. Nordin Hasan (East Asia and the Pacific).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 113*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
The designations employed do not imply the expression
of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a briefing to the Group of 77 by the delegation of Germany on the International Conference on Freshwater on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30 and 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4394th (resumed) meeting

General issues relating to sanctions

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Norway, Mauritius, Colombia, the United States, Mali, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Tunisia and China.

The President made a statement.

4397th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secre-

tary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 25 October 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4397th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
[86]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and to take action on the draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6 circulated at the meeting.

The representative of Chile (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the

Peaceful Uses of Outer Space) introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/56/L.6.

Following statements by the representatives of Chile, the Russian Federation and Burkina Faso on the Spanish, Russian and French texts of the draft resolution, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.6 without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 29 October 2001, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 87 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Pales-

tine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the dates for the consideration of agenda item 87 had been changed. The item would be taken up on 29 October and on 1 and 2 November, in the morning.

SECOND COMMITTEE

14th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the postponement of agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) to a later date, at the request of a number of delegations.

The Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Operational activities for development [99]

- (a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations*
- (b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries, UNDP, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Women.

The Chairman then read out the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/1 regarding the triennial comprehensive policy review for submission to the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Ghana, Australia, the Russian Federation, India, Belarus, Japan, Cuba, Pakistan, China and Venezuela.

15th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

- (a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations*
- (b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, the Philippines, Indonesia, Algeria, Canada, Poland, Angola, Nigeria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Mongolia, Mexico, Brazil and the United States.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda 99, sub-items (a) and (b), until Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

17th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement and, on his proposal, the Committee agreed to postpone the informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Common services at Geneva (Part II) (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/417/Rev.1), scheduled for the same day, in the afternoon, and to replace them with consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Development account (A/55/913 and A/56/7).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 14th meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/206, p. 11): the fifth paragraph should read as follows:

The representative of Iraq introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.8.

**International Covenant on Civil
and Political Rights**

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2001

1972nd and 1973rd (closed) meetings

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Ukraine (CCPR/
CO/73/UKR).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant
[7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime
Organization. (institutionalization of the Facilitation Com-
mittee). London, 7 November 1991*

*Acceptance: Eritrea (23 October 2001)**

*Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime
Organization. London, 4 November 1993*

*Acceptance: Eritrea (23 October 2001)**

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing
of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

Signature: Uruguay (25 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

*Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral
treaties deposited with the Secretary-General*

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place *today*, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 29 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Burundi*

Other matters

Morning**

4398th (closed) meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice

* With a view to a formal meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 32nd and 33rd plenary meetings of the General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1), A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51/Rev.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item 77* (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5 and A/C.1/56/INF.1 and Add.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87] (A/56/13 and Add.1, A/56/290, A/56/375, A/56/382, A/56/420, A/56/421, A/56/430, A/55/1021)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.-
4.30 p.m.* 18th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115/Corr.1-E/2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395); Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [98 (a)] (A/56/25, A/56/3**, A/56/19, A/56/379, A/56/306)

* See panel discussion, page 3.

** To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488)

Dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116] (A/56/206)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including revised resource requirements for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part II: Political affairs (A/56/6 (Sections 3-6) and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 11th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2001
2. Executive session on UNAMSIL
3. Executive session on UNICEF

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion "Regional Perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development", organized by the secretariat of the World Summit, on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Secretary-General of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, will serve as a moderator. Presentations will be made by the following Chairmen or representatives of the World Summit regional round tables: Prof. Adedeyi Adedeyi (Africa); Dr. Asylbek Aidaraliev (Central and South Asia); Sir Alistair McIntyre (Latin America and the Caribbean); Dr. Lawrence Papay (Europe/North America); Prof. Nordin Hasan (East Asia and the Pacific).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 113*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 29 October 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on Beijing+5)

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room D

GROUP OF 77 (briefing on the International Conference on Freshwater)

2.15 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda sub-item 99 (b) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries))

3 p.m. - Trusteeship
6 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

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There will be meetings of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Third Meeting on Contingency Planning for Burundi, organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.1) [8]

2. Report of the International Court of Justice [13]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/456)

3 p.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-Ended Working Group (A/56/47) [49]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

3 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 3

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian
and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations,
including special economic assistance)*

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be two panel discussions on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration Around the World" and on "Globalization and the State" on Thursday and Friday, 1 and 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The detailed programmes along with the lists of panellists can be found on the Internet (http://www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). There will be live coverage of the events at the same Internet address. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Third Committee*) on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30 and 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Co-operation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

The representative of Egypt, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" (A/56/231).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Ukraine, at his request, to take his place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Cambodia.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-sixth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

31st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 31st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/209).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second phase of work (thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Switzerland, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Island countries), Guinea, Nepal, Uruguay (on behalf of Mercosur), the Niger, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Norway and Poland. The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.51.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.41.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.2.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.27 and A/C.1/56/L.28.

The Secretary of the Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become co-sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.10, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.15, Brazil; A/C.1/56/L.28, Belarus; A/C.1/56/L.34, Liberia; A/C.1/56/L.40, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.43, Mongolia and Monaco; A/C.1/56/L.45, Burundi, Ethiopia, Honduras, Kenya, Lebanon, Namibia, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.47, Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia and Monaco; and A/C.1/56/L.50, Viet Nam.

SECOND COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations*

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea, Suriname and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 99 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE

22nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Croatia, Slovenia, Australia, Suriname, Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

A statement was made by the observer of Palestine.

A statement was made by the representative of International Committee of the Red Cross.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work and informed the Committee that the meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 October would be cancelled.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

18th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the Syrian Arab Republic and Morocco.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement and replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 2 November 2001, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Schlesinger (Austria).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee on the procedure agreed to by the Bureau to be followed during the informal consultations regarding the consideration of agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the United States, Egypt, Australia and South Africa.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, to grant the requests of the President of the United Nations Staff Union to make a statement in the Committee in connection with agenda item 126 (Human resources management) and of the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) to make a statement in the Committee in connection with agenda items 126 and 127 (Human resources management and United Nations common system).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10th meeting

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 173.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 168.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The representative of the Ukraine introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6 regarding the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.

The Chairman made a statement.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

209th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of a letter from the Permanent Mission of Cuba concerning an order to seize the Permanent Mission's bank accounts and a letter from the Mission of the United States of America in response

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq and the United States.

Consideration and adoption of the Committee's report to the General Assembly (A/AC.154/2001/CRP.1)

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Cyprus and Iraq and the United States.

The Chairman made a statement.

The report, as amended, was adopted by the Committee.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq, Malaysia and the United States.

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2001

1974th and 1975th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Azerbaijan (CCPR/C/AZE/99/2).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Niger (24 October 2001)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Mali (24 October 2001)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Mali (24 October 2001)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Mali (24 October 2001)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Togo (26 October 2001)

Provisional application: Togo (26 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES
ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

*Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating
to multilateral treaties deposited
with the Secretary-General*

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives

wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sudan

H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:

Sri Lanka

H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:

Georgia

H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Haiti

H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:

Ireland

H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.

4400th (closed) meeting*

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2001/1008)

Afternoon**

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Somalia

Other matters

* Open to non-members of the Security Council who wish to attend. No letter of participation is required.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4400th (closed) meeting.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.1) [8]
2. Report of the International Court of Justice [13]
 - (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4)
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/456)

3 p.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations: draft resolution (A/56/L.6) [25]
2. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children: draft resolution (A/56/L.7) [26]
3. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-Ended Working Group (A/56/47) [49]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. 17th meeting Room 4
Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: item 64 (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); item 65 (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); item 66 (A/56/29 (Supp. I), A/C.1/56/L.22); item 67 (A/C.1/56/L.9); item 68 (A/C.1/56/L.41/Rev.1); item 69 (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); item 70 (A/C.1/56/L.13); item 71 (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); item 72 (A/C.1/56/L.26); item 73 (A/C.1/56/L.7); item 74 (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33/Rev.1, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51/Rev.1); item 75 (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); item 76 (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); item 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); item 78 (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); item 79 (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); item 80 (A/C.1/56/L.17); item 81 (A/C.1/56/L.11); item 82 (A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.10); item 84 (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5 and A/C.1/56/INF.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Rev.1]

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. 18th meeting Room 1

Action on draft resolutions

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. 19th meeting Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115-E/2001/115, A/56/115/Corr.1-E/2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395); Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [98 (a)] (A/56/25, A/56/3*, A/56/19, A/56/379, A/56/306)

Conclusion of the general discussion

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. 20th meeting Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115-E/2001/115, A/56/115/Corr.1-E/2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395)

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction (A/56/68 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 and 3, A/56/76-E/2001/54, A/56/306, A/C.2/56/2)

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/56/175, A/56/306)

* To be issued.

- (d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/56/126)
- (e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action of Small Island Developing States (A/56/170, A/56/306)
- (g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/56/129)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.15/Rev.1 and L.17/Rev.1
2. Advancement of women [112]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.20 to L.27
3. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116] (A/56/206)
Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]
2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including revised resource requirements for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Human resources management [126]

Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7)

General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7); and Information technology: (A/55/780 and A/56/7))

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Interorganizational security measures: implementation of Section II of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 entitled "Safety and Security of United Nations personnel"

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held today, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 30 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 30 October 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - Trusteeship
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (on Beijing+5)

1.15 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

1.15 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 1

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

ISLAMIC GROUP (at the expert level)

3.30 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

GROUP OF 77 (on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships))

4 p.m. - Economic and Social
6 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda sub-items 98 (b, (c) and (e) (Environment and sustainable development); and on the International Conference on Freshwater)

6 p.m. - Conference
9 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (Third Committee)
today, 30 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference
Room B.

There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Pro-
gramme of Fellowships on Disarmament today, 30 October
2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in
Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community
(CARICOM) of the Second Committee today, 30 October
2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

There will be meetings of Legal Advisers today, 30 Octo-
ber 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held *today*, 30 and *tomorrow*, 31 October 2001, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 31 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
5 p.m.*		Conference Room 2

* Ceremony of presentation of the 2001 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship certificates.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)*

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), scheduled for Wednesday, 31 October 2001, have been postponed to Thursday, 1 November, and will be held from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian
and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations,
including special economic assistance)*

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5 entitled "Implementation of the first Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)", including the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication", submitted under agenda item 103, will take place on Wednesday, 31 October, in the afternoon (conference room to be announced.).

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration around the World", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. The moderator will be Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration. Introductory presentations will be made by Mr. Michael Duggett, Director-General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences; and H.E. Mr. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, outgoing President of the Institute. Presentations will also be made by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara, Minister of Higher Education, Cameroon; Professor Gérard Timsit, Director of the Centre of Studies and Research on Administration, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, France; Ms. María del Carmen Pardo, Researcher at the Colegio de México, Mexico; Professor Andrew Massey, Professor of Government, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom; and Professor O.P. Dwivedi, Professor of Public and Environmental Administration, University of Guelph, Canada.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http://www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Globalization and the State", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will act as moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Professor Apolo R. Nsibambi, Prime Minister, Uganda; H.E. Don Jesús Posada Moreno, Minister of Public Administration, Spain; H.E. Mr. Carlos Genatios, Minister for Science and Technology, Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal, former Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations; and Professor Anthony Giddens, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http://www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

The 2001 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Second Committee*) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (*on Beijing +5*) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion to commemorate the first anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), organized by the Inter-agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The panel will include Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs; Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Peace-keeping Operations; Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; and Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UNTAET (East Timor). The moderator will be Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Chair of the Task Force. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. Secretariat staff interested are asked to enter the Economic and Social Council Chamber from the entrance nearest to the Security Council Chamber (South end). Non-governmental organizations interested to attend should contact the NGO Working Group on Women and International Peace and Security (tel.: (212) 551-2739).

Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Co-operation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

31st plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]

The General Assembly decided to request the Secretary-General to issue a consolidated list of candidates for the election of members of the International Law Commission incorporating new candidates and additional information received subsequent to the deadline for submission of nominations.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15(b)]

(a) Election of one member

The President drew attention to a letter addressed to him by the Permanent Representative of Portugal, by which Portugal

announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the year 2002, in favour of Spain (A/56/467).

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Spain was elected as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining one-year term of office beginning 1 January 2002.

(b) Election of eighteen members

On the first round balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Australia, Bhutan, Burundi, Chile, China, El Salvador, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zimbabwe were elected as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

Monday, 29 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4398th (closed) meeting

Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

'At its 4398th meeting, held in private on 29 October 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.'

'In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice to brief the Council.

'The members of the Council heard an informative briefing by Judge Guillaume.'

4399th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1016).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1016) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1375 (2001).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second phase of work (thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay (on behalf of Mercosur), Gabon, Romania and Peru.

The representative of the Sudan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.29.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.40.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.42.

The representative of Haiti (on behalf of the Latin and Caribbean Group) introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.37.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become cosponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Belarus, Bhutan, Sierra Leone and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.12, Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.14, Togo; A/C.1/56/L.19, Burkina Faso; A/C.1/56/L.24, Togo; A/C.1/56/L.30, Luxembourg; A/C.1/56/L.34, Togo; A/C.1/56/L.39, Niger; A/C.1/56/L.40, Republic of Korea and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.42, Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.43, Republic of Korea and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.45, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guinea and Nauru; A/C.1/56/L.47, Algeria, Congo, Iceland, Niger, Republic of Korea, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; A/C.1/56/L.50, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Republic of Korea and Tajikistan and A/C.1/56/L.51, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Togo.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

13th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/56/13 and Add.1).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/56/430).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Jordan, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Egypt, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Africa.

Statements were made by the observers of Palestine and the Holy See.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in its general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Tuesday, 6 November, at 6 p.m. as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda items 87 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 88 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). The Committee also decided to take action on all these draft proposals on Friday, 9 November, after the conclusion of the general debate on agenda item 88. Delegations were also urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on agenda item 88, as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE

17th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item, and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were heard by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithu-

ania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the other associated countries (Cyprus and Malta) which aligned themselves with this statement), Indonesia, Pakistan, Romania, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Cuba, the United States, Japan, Morocco, Bangladesh, Norway, New Zealand and Nigeria

18th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item 98 (a), and heard statements by the representatives of Tajikistan, South Africa, Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Ukraine, and Cambodia.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE

23rd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, in which the representatives of Liechtenstein, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Benin, Uganda and Israel, and the observer for Palestine, took part.

The Committee then continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Eritrea, India, Andorra, Slovakia, Bolivia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Myanmar and Jamaica.

The Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made concluding remarks.

24th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives Morocco and Cambodia.

The Director of the New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, made concluding remarks.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, responded to a question raised by the representative of Australia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand, China, Brazil and the Russian Federation.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

19th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee began its consideration of the question of a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects under these agenda items and had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/56/478).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/478).

The statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 was introduced by the Controller (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey) and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Following statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Canada, the Coordinator of the informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003), Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), provided clarification.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Peter C.R. Kabatsi (Uganda), introduced chapters I, II, III and IV of the Commission's report.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee spoke.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Morocco, New Zealand, Belgium, China, France and Pakistan.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2001

1976th and 1977th (closed) meetings

The Committee considered and adopted the concluding observations of the United Kingdom.

The Committee then began its consideration of the concluding observations of Switzerland.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Monaco (24 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

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